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CONVENTION

Delegates, representing the forty four congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in British Guiana, merged into the mother church Ebenezer, New Amsterdam, to participate in the

Fifteenth Annual Convention,
February, 13 - 14, 1958.

The Service of Holy Communion opened the session of Convention on Thursday 13, at 9 a.m. "Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize ? So run, that ye may obtain." These were the words which President Aubrey Bowen used to set the high spirit, and which prevailed throughout Convention. It was truly a message full of challenge and inspiration. Overheard ! "Best sermon in many a year."

Among the many items of busines taken care of by Convention, was the 1959 Budget, which was presented and adopted Discussing the Budget, the Stewardship Secretaries, pointed out to Convention, of the amount of $5,000.00 deficit in the 1957 Budget, which was due to many congregations not fulfilling their promises made at the 1957 Convention. Treasurer, Pastor Wallace J. Wolff, seized the opportunity to point out in no uncertain terms, that unless the apportionment from the various congregations were met in full that some item or items in the Budget must of necessity suffer a cut.

Stewardship Secretary, Cyril Chu, appealed to delegates present to let this matter be of grave concern to them. He assured them, that the 1958 Apportion

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ment was not a large one. With willing hearts to give and giving systematically, God will bless our giving, which could be easily doubled.

Another item, which highlighted Convention, was the report from the two delegates to the **Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federhtion,** Pastor Paul G. Hansen, and Mr. Cyril S. Chu. Many slides, showing various scenes of the Assembly were shown, as the delegates took turn in presenting their report. The report was well received by the Convention, who voted, that a copy be placed in the Archives of the church.

As important, as the other items on the agenda for Convention, was the installation of the newly elected Executive Committee of the Church, by the Rev. Wallace J. Wolff, Chairman of the Administrative Committee.

Convention assembled, voted its deep appreciation to the Board of Foreign Missions of the ULCA., for its counselling and advice, assistance, financially and in other respects, and particularly, for makpossible the implementation of the new salary scale of June 1957.

Convention coming to an end, fitting tribute was paid to the invaluable services rendered by Miss Elaine Wagner and Pastor E. B. Meyer.

Rev. Hector C. Magalee, M.B.E.

Pastor Magalee, earned this title for the outstanding Social Welfare Services rendered in Berbice, particularly in the gerbice River Area, where he served as pastor.

Pastor Magalee, lived a life, assisting his fellowmen. It was a rare word for him to use "No". His charming smile and a heart filled with sympathy and generosity, has won for him, many a

The Church, recognizing, this young man's love for the ministry, decided to give him an opportunity to fulfill his ambition. In 1944, he together with his wife departed for the United States of America.

Hector, attended Augustana Lutheran College, and later graduated from North Western Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota. On his return to British Guiana in 1946, he was ordained in Ebenezer Lutheran Church, New Amsterdam.

Pastor Magalee, was assigned immediately to the Berbice River Parish, which Parish, he served faithfully, on to the time of his departure on furlough in August 1957.

Ample testimony, to the achievements of Pastor Magalee is borne out from the recent economic and cultural development, mainly in the form of Co-operative Societies and the many Self-Help Schemes now existing on the River. To omit, mentioning what Pastor Magalee and his travelling dispensary has been to the people on the River, will be a grave injustice. This mission of mercy has helped from coughs and colds to even bringing new born babies into the world.

Pastor Magalee now on study leave

Rev. Hector C. Magalee, M.B.E. .. .. continued

is enrolled in Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, with a view to furthering his studies- It is our united prayer that God will assist him achieve his goal.

To Hector Cameron Magalee, Pastor Doctor, Builder, Purchasing Agent, Everybody's Friend, the Church in British Guiana joins with the inhabitants of the Colony in congratulating him on the signal honor conferred upon him by Her Majesty, the Queen. These words can be truly said of him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." To Mrs. Magalee and Mardai, who have in no ittle way, helped Pastor Magalee to attain this height, we offer also, our sincerest con gratulations.

NEW AMSTERDAM PARISH

E. B. MEYER — Pastor

ST. TIMOTHY

The following Officers were installed at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on Sunday February 5, 1958, and set out on Service for the current year. Best wishes to the 1958 Officers for a successful term.

Church Council :

Mr. Manraj Gunpat .. Secretary
Mr. Stephen Trim
Mr. Edward Lackram
Mrs. Dorothy Goddett
Mrs. Olive Dillon
Mrs. Gertrude Samaroo
Mrs. Catherine Skeete

Women's League :

Mrs. Olive Dillon — President
Mrs. Kathleen Fraser — Vice-President
Mrs. Dorothy Barnwell — Treasurer
Mrs. Catherine Trim — Secretary
Mrs. Dorothy Goddett
Gertrude Samaroo — Committee
Catherine Skeete — Members

Luther League :

Miss Mary Causway — President
Mas. Rudolph Jahoor — Vice-President
Miss Ada McAllister — Treasurer
Mas. Ellington Adams — Asst. Secretary
Miss Jean Lambert & — Committee
Miss Shirley Clarke — Members

St. Timothy

Sunday School Teachers :

Mrs. Ludivina Thompson — Supt.
Miss Mary Causway — Asst.
Mas. Henry Goddett
Mrs. Esther Nicholson
Mas, Stanley Goddett
Mrs, Kathleen Fraser
Miss Ludivina Stratton
Miss Clarissa White

Glasgow

Mr, Manraj Gunpat — Supt.
Miss Bibi Jahoor .... Asst,
Miss Estelle Samaroo

Housing Scheme

Mrs. Johanna King .. Supt.
Miss Barbara Smith .. Asst.
Mas. Rudolph Jahoor

Evangelism and Stewardship :

This congregation and its auxiliaries have launched the Evangelical and Stewardship Programme, for the year 1958, with confidencne. The following are the Committees :..

Evangelism

Mrs. Johanna King .. Chairman
" Priscilla Pearce
" Dorothy Barnwell
" Kathleen Fraser
Miss Mary Causway

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Miss Sheila Mentore
Mas. Stanley Goddett
Mas. Rudolph Jahoor.

Stewardship

Mr. Stephen Trim .. Chairman
" Manraj Ganpat .. Secretary
" Edward Lackram
Mrs. Marvin Jahoor.

Death :

It was indeed sad to record that the Congregation has lost a devoted member of the Church Council by death, in the person Mr. George Griffith. He died in the of P.H.B. on Sunday, January 5, 1958. The Congregation and its auxiliaries express their deepest sympathy to the distressed relatives.

∴ BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL ∴

SHEET ANCHOR.

The Catechist at this point is Mr. D. Ramnauth. Here we have a Sunday School, Sewing Class and a Luther League, and they are all progressing remarkably;

Sunday School :

Our Sunday School is a fairly large one consisting of about 75 children and 4 teachers, from whom we are receiving co-operation.

Sewing Class :

Our Sewing Class is steadily growing under the able leadership of our Lady Missionary, Miss E. Wagner,

Luther League :

The Luther League is thriving steadily. The officers are :

President .. Miss I. Dookram
Vice-President .. Miss J. Budhan
Secretary ... Miss Clara Victor
Asst. Secretary .. Miss Shirley Tarchan

With the help of these young ladies, we have formed a visiting committee, through which we are able to achieve success.

Baptism :

On January 5, 10 children were baptised by Rev. E. B Meyer.

Confirmation :

A few people from this point were also confirmed during the month of November, and the Catechist hopes to open a new class for instructions for church membership very soon.

Through the Grace of God, our work on the whole is a progessive one.

∴ TRANSFIGURATION ∴

BETSY GROUND, CANJE.

Catechist H. Kowlessar

The Congregation is growing .. not rapidly, but slowly. New members are now being received twice a year — Whitsunday and Harvest Sunday. We have felt the loss of 23 members by transfer, which has really shaken our congregation. This was due t marriages, changes of residence and emplo ment.

In early January, it was a real joy t

Transfiguration — continued

see 85% of our members present for a Congregational meeting headed by our Pastor, the Rev. E. B. Meyer. Under his leadership, this meeting was a great success, and each member was spurred at heart. He won their confidence on all matters of the Church's business, especially on Stewardship, the evening high light.

Members of the Vestry elected were:

Messrs. Robert Batson
P. N. Grant
A. R. Gobin
B. Manohar
S. Subdehal
Mrs. V. Hylegar
Mrs. Iona Isaacs

Finance Committee:

Following were the members elected:
Mr. A. R. Gobin, Chairman
Mr. B. Manohar
Mr. J. Durdeen
Miss L. Greenidge

Evangelism Committee:

Following were the members elected:
Mr. Abel A. Gafoor
Mr. R. Batson
Mr. B. Manohar
Mrs. A. James
Misses S. Batson
Margaret Persaud
Iris Kowlessar

This group has already met and has planned its programme for Visitation for the months ahead. It will be the plan of the Committee, that the Chairman, Mr. A. A. Gafoor, will report of the Congregation's financial position at each Communion Service throughout the year. The new method on Evangelism which was followed during the past year, has brought a wonderful experience to our Lay Workers; Pastor Meyer has always kept its light burning through his wise instruction and friendly encouragement.

Sunday Schools: .. 'Transfiguration'

Superintendent—Miss Elaine Wagner
Teachers —Catechist H. Kowlessar, A. R. Gobin, A. A. Gafoor, Catechist Doodnauth, and Iris Kowlessar.

Cane Field, Rose Hall:

Superintendent—Miss Elaine Wagner
Teachers — H. Kowlessar and Sherlock Subdehal.

These teachers together with teachers from St. Thomas, Lochaber, have joint teacher's conference at the end of every quarter for instruction and guidance from our Lady Missionary, Miss Elaine Wagner.

Luther League Officers for 1958:

Mr. A. A. Gafoor — President
Maurice Khan — Vice-President
Miss Iris Kowlessar — Secretary
Mr. A. R. Gobin — Treasurer and Advisor.

A fine spirit is kept in this organization which is small in number, but strong in oneness.

The New Amsterdam District Luther Leagues, met for the first time at Transfiguration for a Rally. The Guest Speaker for the occasion was Miss Ruth Zartman. The business was conducted by Mr. Ritchie, President of the Synodical Luther League, and Pastor E. B. Meyer as Advisor. Miss Wagner, Catechists Jahoor and K. Persaud were also present. After the meeting had terminated, an enjoyable fellowship social was held. This Rally was a great success and warmly appreciated by our Pastor, Missionaries, and Catechists present. It was a high light to all its members.

The following officers were elected for the New Amsterdam District League:—

Transfiguration

Mr. Anthony Gobin—President

St. Thomas

Mr. Joseph Rampersaud—Vice-President

Ebenezer

Miss Barbara Smith—Secretary

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Ebenezer

Miss Raphael Arthur—Treasurer

Committee Members:

Lloyd Asregadoo .. Ebenezer
A. A. Gafoor .. Transfiguration
Lionel Seepersaud
Aubrey Burke .. Ebenezer.

Women's League Officers for 1958:

Mrs. Agnes James .. President
Mrs. A. Kowlessar .. V. President
Mrs Clementina James.. Secretary
Mrs. S. Batson .. Treasurer.

This organization, although without a Parish Worker, is functioning strongly by the help and friendliness of Miss Elaine Wagner, who attends every meeting.

Motor Car:

A car which is owned by Catechist Kowlessar, is of a great help in time of transportation for special functions of our Church.

Visitations:

Catechist and Mrs. Kowlessar have been conducting a visitation program for the growth of the Sunday School.

BEL AIR PARISH

Saint Mary's Lutheran School Bel Air, East Coast, produces first Government Scholarship in its School.

CAROL EBERT

St. Mary's Lutheran School Bel Air made history when in September 1957 Carol Ebert, a pupil in the school, wrote the Government County Scholarship Examination, Demerara County, and was successful. This means that Carol will attend the Government School for Girls, the Bishops High School in Georgetown, on a scholarship granted by Government. Carol is twelve years old, and this scholarship will permit her to attend Bishops High School for the entire High School course. Carol has been active in the school where she began as a beginner student. She is a member of the Sunday School and of the Girls' Sewing Class.

The Lutheran Church is proud of the fact that after these many years in the field of education, one of its students has been awarded this Government Scholarship. Mrs. Olga Bone is the acting Head Teacher of the school, and Wallace J. Wolff, Manager.

The Lutheran Church began its work at Bel Air in 1941. At that time, the need of a Primary School was seen by the

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Church, and for a number of years the Church conducted this school at its own expense. It was not until 1947 that Government recognized the work of the Lutheran Church, and included Saint Mary as one of the recognized school in the field of education.

Many times the progress of the church seems to be slow and discouraging, however, we know that God will reward our faithful efforts. Carol is in the Confirmation Class, and will one day take her place as a leader in the Lutheran Church of British Guiana, and in Society.

UPPER BERBICE RIVER PARISH

E. B. MEYER — Acting Pastor

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH — Ebini

THE CHURCH: Wilfred Thom — Lay Reader

Communion Service was held on Sunday, January 26, 1957.

The Church has lost one of its members — Mr. Ivor Miller — by death. Mr. Miller died on January 31, 1958 at Kwakwani Hospital. Catechist Abrams performed the funeral rites. Left to mourn his loss are his wife, two sons and a daughter.

THE SCHOOL

Alfred B. Chandrapal — Head Teacher

The school recently received a grant for its Garden — one of the best in the Berbice River. The school has started a Savings Bank among its pupils, and as soon as the idea of saving is developed, the Head Teacher proposes to invite the School Co-operative Officer to start a School's Co-operative Society.

The school also started 'A Self-Help' scheme to raise funds for the school. The methods of raising funds will include :

1. Straw-work — pattas, baskets and quakes.
2. Garden Produce
3. Picture Framing
4. Sewing
5. Concerts.

The school plans to bring about its Parents Day, Sale of Work, and Concert on Saturday, March 22, 1958

Sunday School :

The Sunday School is now held on Thursday mornings. The respond is better than when held after Service on Sundays.

Luther League :

The Luther League held its first meeting for 1958 on January 21. The following were elected office bearers :

1. President — Miss Eldica Bennett
2. Vice-President — Miss Mazie Wong
3. Secretary — Miss Lorna Smith
4. Asst. Secretary — Mas Tyrone D'Andrade
5. Treasurer — Hapworth Thom
6. Committee Members :
   Mas. Orlando Hercules
   Miss Rena Thom
   Mas. Kenneth Smith
7. Cricket Captain — Mr. Tyrone D'Andrade
8. Rounders Captain — Miss Eldica Bennett

The League will play a Rounders match against a team at Kwakwani on the 29th March, 1958.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's Leagues met in District Rallies in the month of February, with the following Congregational Leagues as hosts :

NAZARETH	..	No. 3 W. C. Berbice	.. February 2
ST. JOHN'S	..	Williamsburg	.. February 9
EPIPHANY	..	Georgetowm	.. February 16

All Rallies were well attended. In each District, women of the various leagues presented a Pageant, **"Building Together"** The programme also included the presentation of the **" Old Folks " Home Project.** The women continue to show interest in supporting this project through Thank Offering. The women raised the $60 that was lacking towards the completion of their goa' for the last biennium, and in addition now have more in their treasury.

The Church in Britisih Guiana has acknowledged with gratitude the receipt of $1500 towards the erection of the first cottage of the 'Old Folks' Home, and they asked representatatives of the women's leagues to meet with the Administrative Committee. Plans were made to meet soon to discuss th site and type of building, an l to make general plans for the future of the Old Folks' Home.

Several women's groups have been started, but are not yet fully organized. We pray and trust that these new leagues will mature into strong leagues and will soon be affiliated with the Synodical Women's Leagues. Three of these new leagues which are on the Corentyne, are made up of women from two nearby congregations. They are : 1..St. Luke, Cromarty, and St. Stephens, Bush Lot ; 2..St. Michael, Alness and St. James, Whim; 3..Emanuel, Skeldon and St. Philips, Springlands.
The other new leagues are : St. Andrews, Le Ressouvenir; St. Matthias, No. 68, Corentyne; Bethany, Catherine, W.C. Berbice St. Bartholomew, Fyrish Road, Corentyne.

The Education Committee has made plans for the distribution of reading course books which have been ordered. Leagues will be receiving program material also.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Georgetown - Bel Air Parish is happy to report that five new groups have been started with fine response in the area. Under the direction of the new Woman Missionary in the area, four girls' groups have been started at St. Andrews, Le-Ressouvenir; St. Mary's, Bel Air; Redeemer, Campbelville, and Epiphany at St. Andrews, Albouystown. A new Women's League has also been started at St. Andrews, Le Ressouvnir.

The girl's classes met during the week after schools and there is some handwork' such as sewing, and Bible Study. The Women's League meet forthnightly for Bible Study under the direction of Miss M. Petersen.

News from the Stewardship Office.

The Stewardship Office is happy to report that the New Amsterdam Parish has again gone over its Apportionment. Ebenezer's Giving in 1957, amounted to $2,961 00. a sum of $1,137.00 over and above her 1956 Giving. St. Timothy's Giving in 1957 amounted to $451.00, a sum of $164.39 over and above her 1956 Giving. In 1957 this Parish exceeded its 1956 Giving by $1,301.39. Congratulations to this Parish We pray that she will continue, each year, to grow in Christian Stewardship.
We beg to remind all congregations, that the Stewardship Office is willing and ready to render every possible attendance to them.